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SUBJECT: PARAGUAY ON SUPPORT FOR U.S. CANDIDATE FOR
INTER-AMERICAN COMMISSION ON HUMAN RIGHTS

REF: A. STATE 99038

[1](#)B. ASUNCION 0612

[1](#)C. STATE 75344

Classified By: Ambassador John F. Keane for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d)

[1](#)1. (C) Drawing on points in reftels (A) and (C) Ambassador reached Vice Minister Ruben Ramirez Lezcano (in absence of Foreign Minister and other Vice Foreign Minister, both of whom were traveling) to press for GOP support for Paolo Carozza. Ramirez noted the arguments in favor of Carozza, but was non-committal.

[1](#)2. (C) Comment: We hope we are wrong, but we anticipate GOP will probably support the candidacy of one or both of its Mercosur partners, Argentina or Uruguay.
KEANE